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CONTROL ZONE

Hey, Boomers!

Spring has almost sprung, so it must be time for my annual circuit and chrome service. In tune with my make over, this issue of *STC*'s looking rather spick and span ...

Sonic, Amy and Johnny venture into enemy territory in Mission to the Metropolis Zone! Knuckles has a *brush* with Captain Plunder when they pair up for a new six part voyage - no doubt you'll be hooked! There's plenty more swashbuckling in part two of Shining Force, and Tails is in a hole with Tantrum in Fox on the Run.

The Graphic Zone goes green to coincide with St Patrick's Day. Your computer artwork is also featured this issue in the Pixel Zone, proving what a multi-talented bunch of Boomers you are!

If you want to know the secrets of Sega's energetic Echidna, don't forget to order the first ever Knuckles Knockout Special, on sale 25 May. Meanwhile, I have to prepare for the Easter issue due out in two weeks' time, so enough rabbit from me - see you then for an even more egg-citing read!

Megadroid

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

Mission to the Metropolis Zone

COMPLETE STORY

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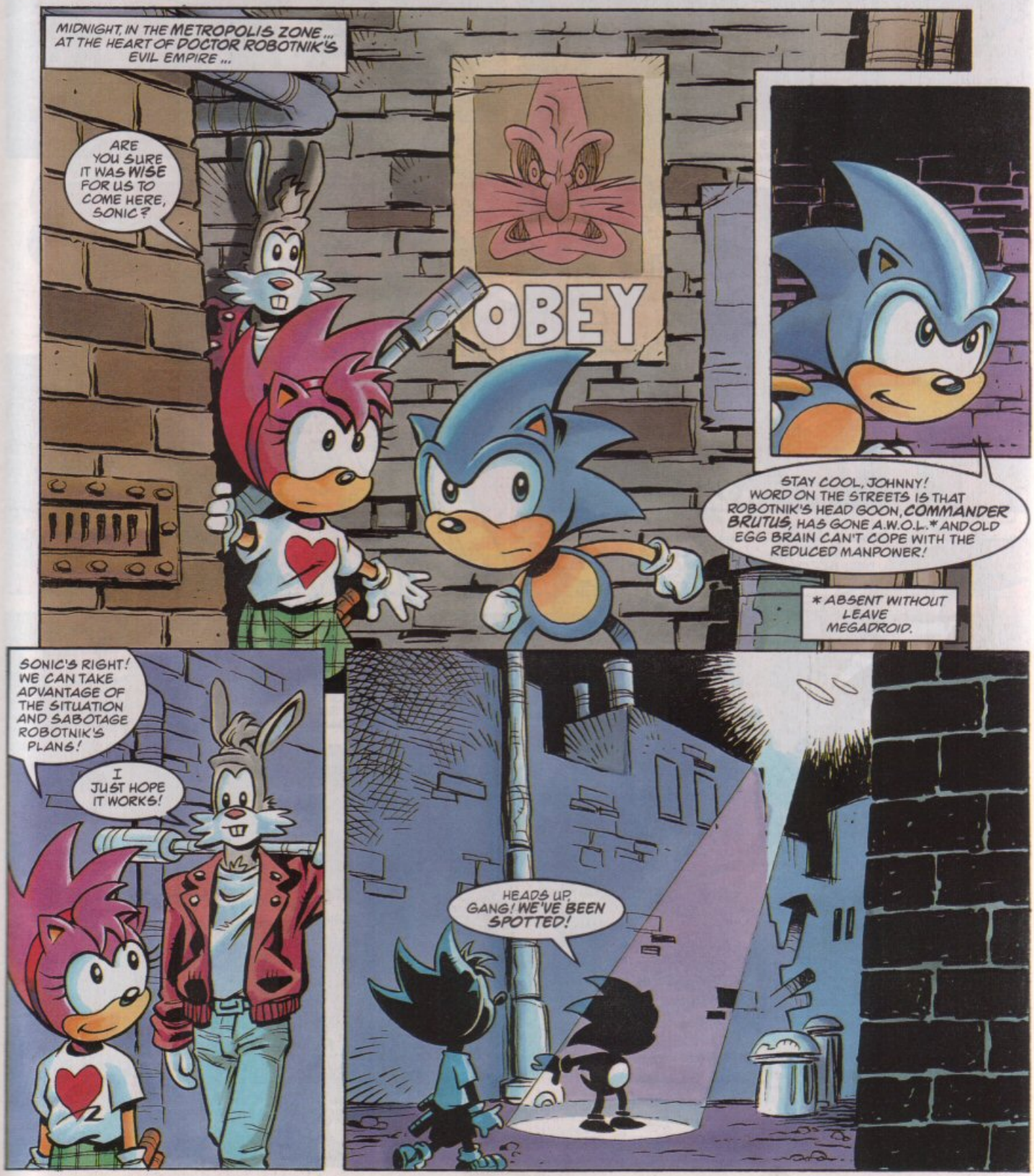
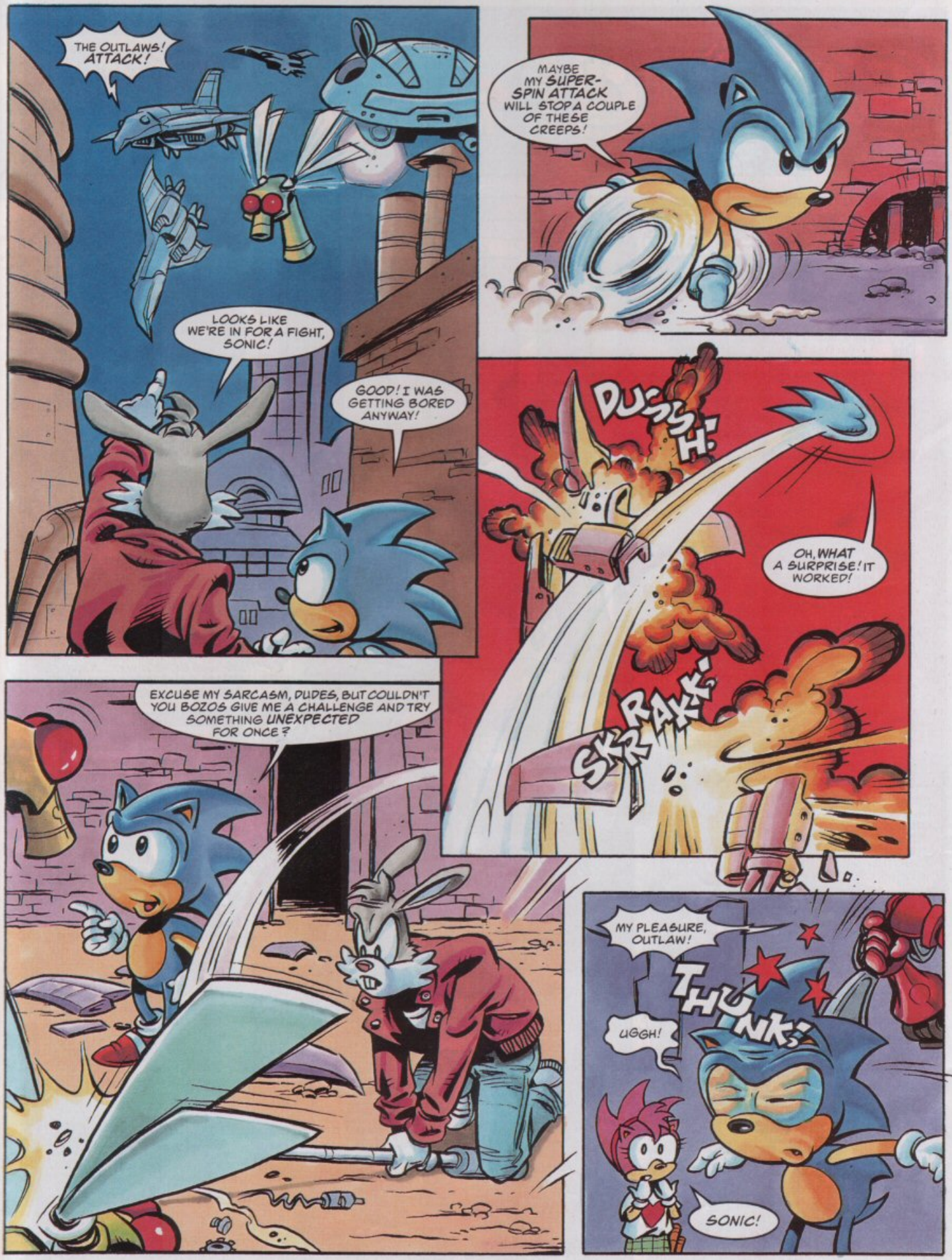
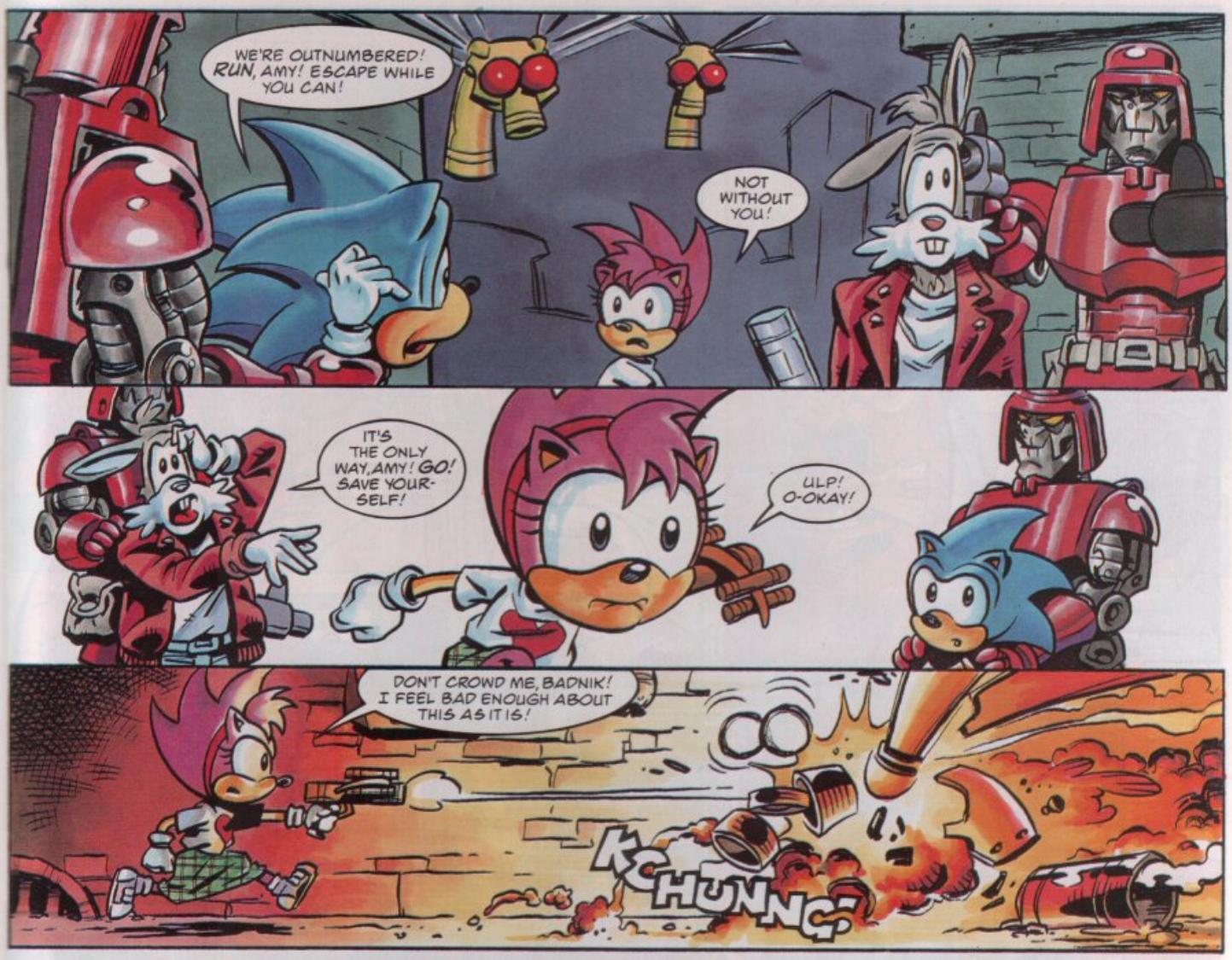

MIDNIGHT IN THE METROPOLIS ZONE... AT THE HEART OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S EVIL EMPIRE...
ARE YOU SURE IT WAS WISE FOR US TO COME HERE, SONIC?
OBEY
STAY COOL, JOHNNY! WORD ON THE STREETS IS THAT ROBOTNIK'S HEAD GOON, COMMANDER BRUTUS, HAS GONE A.W.O.L.* AND OLD EGG BRAIN CAN'T COPE WITH THE REDUCED MANPOWER!
* ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE MEGADROID.
SONIC'S RIGHT! WE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION AND SABOTAGE ROBOTNIK'S PLANS!
I JUST HOPE IT WORKS!
HEADS UP GANG! WE'VE BEEN SPOTTED!

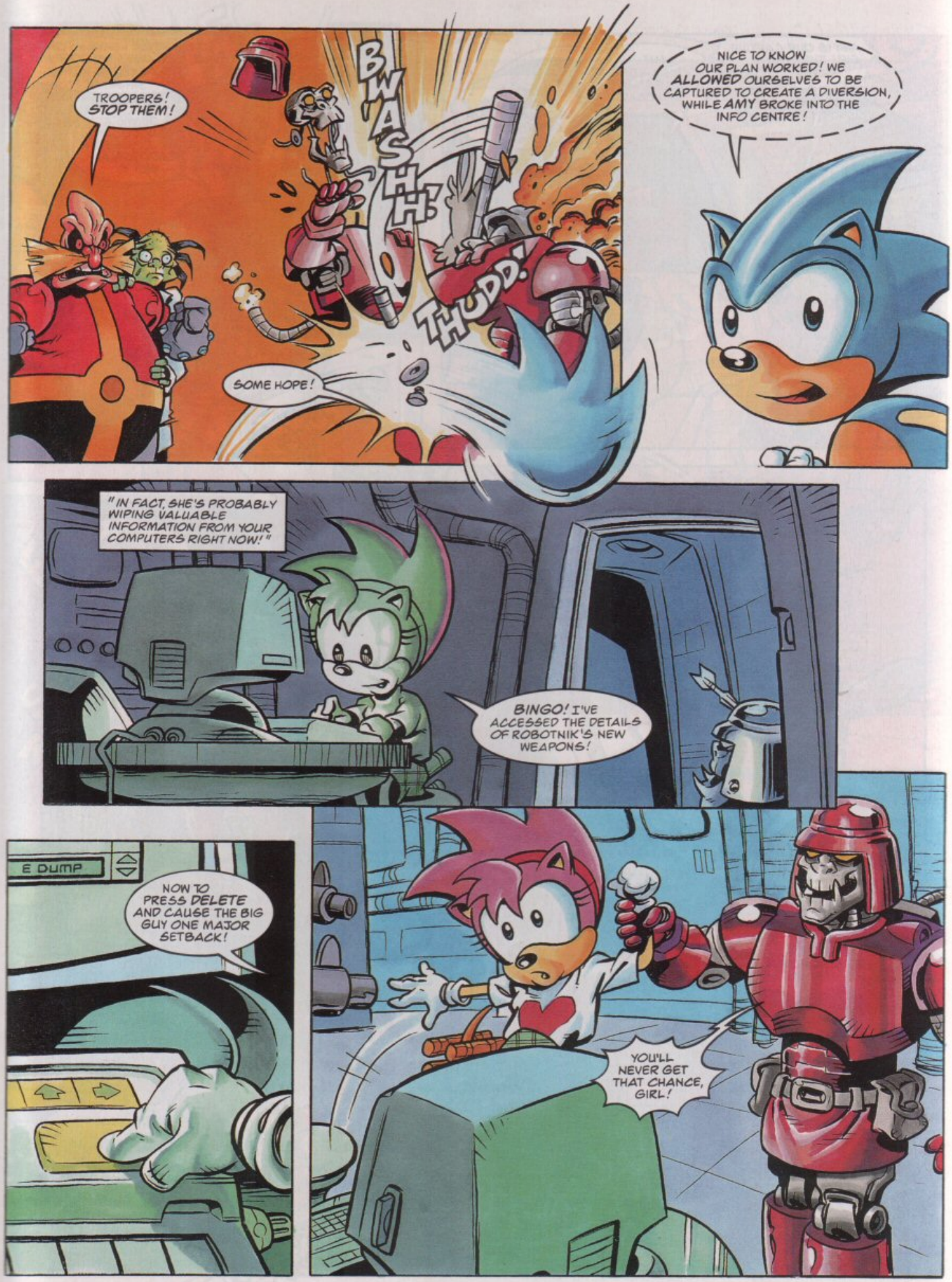

THE OUTLAWS! ATTACK!
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE IN FOR A FIGHT, SONIC!
GOOD! I WAS GETTING BORED ANYWAY!
MAYBE MY SUPER-SPIN ATTACK WILL STOP A COUPLE OF THESE CREEPS!
DU-SSH!
OH, WHAT A SURPRISE! IT WORKED!
SKRAK!
EXCUSE MY SARCASM, DUDES, BUT COULDN'T YOU BOZOS GIVE ME A CHALLENGE AND TRY SOMETHING UNEXPECTED FOR ONCE?
MY PLEASURE, OUTLAW!
THUNK!
UGGH!
SONIC!

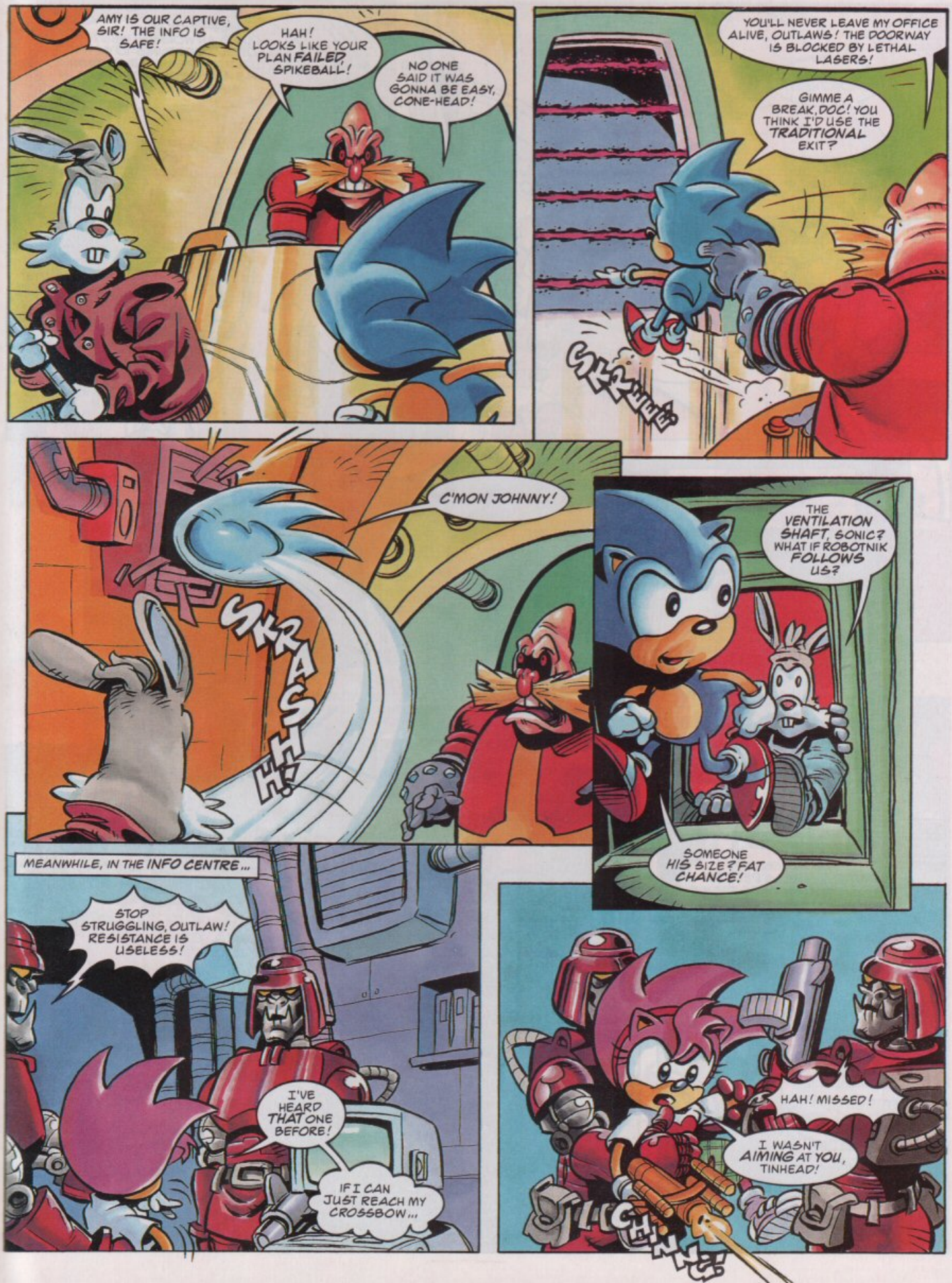

WE'RE OUTNUMBERED! RUN, AMY! ESCAPE WHILE YOU CAN!
NOT WITHOUT YOU!
IT'S THE ONLY WAY, AMY! GO! SAVE YOURSELF!
ULP! O-OKAY!
DON'T CROWD ME, BADNIK! I FEEL BAD ENOUGH ABOUT THIS AS IT IS!
KCHUNNG!

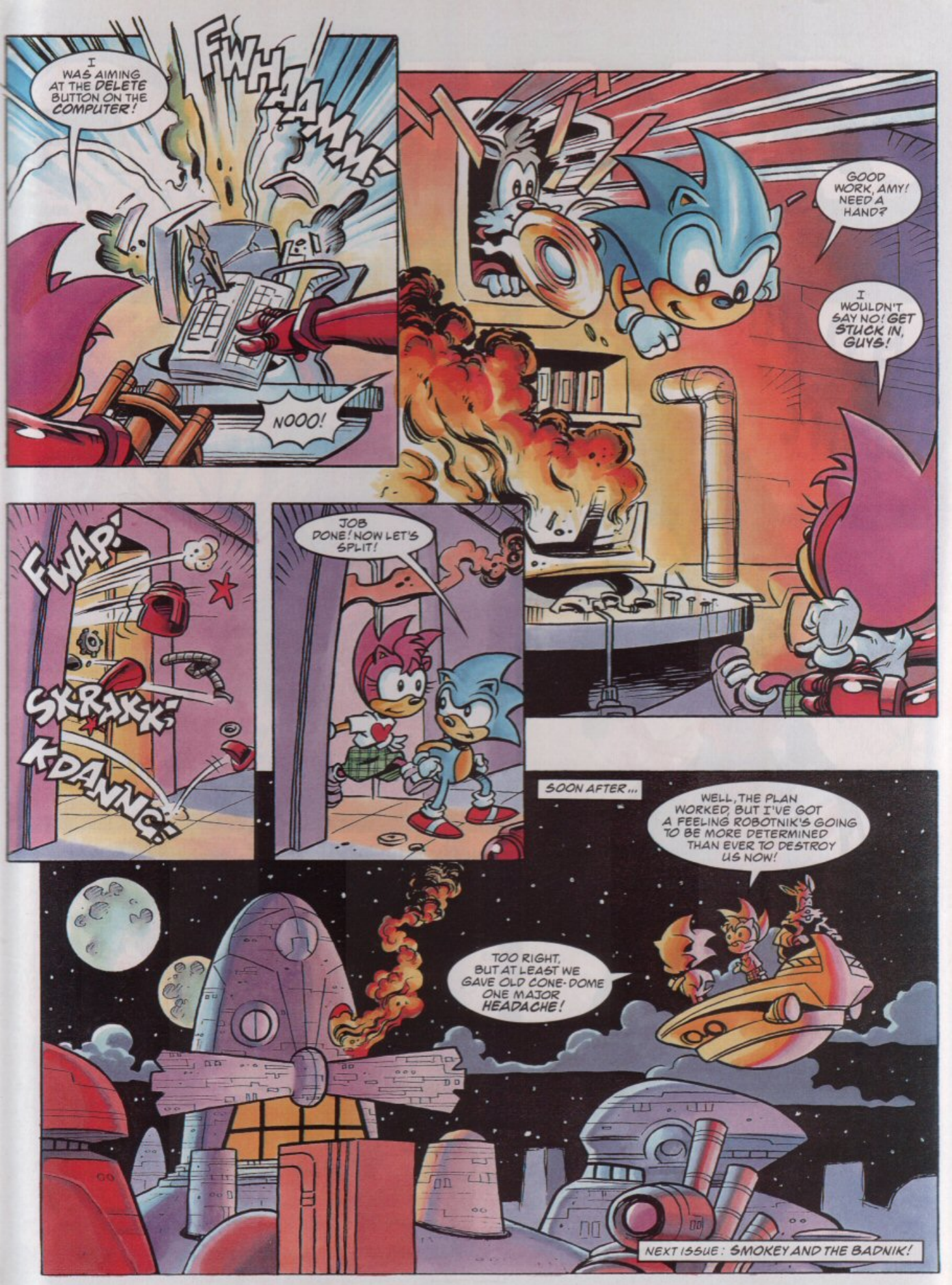
THE GIRL HAS ELUDED US!
LEAVE HER! WE HAVE TWO CAPTIVES THAT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK WILL BE VERY PLEASED WITH!

NEARBY, IN CITADEL ROBOTNIK...
BAH! STILL NO WORD FROM BRUTUS! HAVE YOU NO IDEA WHERE HE IS, GRIMER? *
N-NO, SIR!
* BRUTUS IS IN A SECRET LOCATION PLANNING SOMETHING BIG! (SEE ISSUE 72.) FIND OUT WHAT IN FUTURE ISSUES – MEGADROID.

PERHAPS WE DON'T NEED BRUTUS TO ACHIEVE THE VICTORY YOU'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF, DOCTOR. LOOK!
AT LAST! A JOY TO BEHOLD!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG — MY PRISONER!
TYPICAL! YOUR GOONS DO ALL THE WORK AND YOU CLAIM THE VICTORY!
YOU'RE LOSING YOUR TOUCH, FOOLS! ALLOWING YOURSELVES TO BE CAPTURED SO EASILY!
WELL ... MAYBE THAT WAS OUR INTENTION, FAT-HEAD!
WARRP-WARRP!
WHA-? THE INTRUDER ALARM!
SIR! AN INTRUDER IN THE INFO CENTRE!
NICE CHATTING TO YOU, ROBOTNIK, BUT WE'RE OUTTA HERE!
NEXT TIME WE VISIT, OFFER US TEA AND BISCUITS!


TROOPERS! STOP THEM!
BWASHH!
THUDD!
SOME HOPE!
NICE TO KNOW OUR PLAN WORKED! WE ALLOWED OURSELVES TO BE CAPTURED TO CREATE A DIVERSION, WHILE AMY BROKE INTO THE INFO CENTRE!
"IN FACT, SHE'S PROBABLY WIPING VALUABLE INFORMATION FROM YOUR COMPUTERS RIGHT NOW!"
BINGO! I'VE ACCESSED THE DETAILS OF ROBOTNIK'S NEW WEAPONS!
E DUMP
NOW TO PRESS DELETE AND CAUSE THE BIG GUY ONE MAJOR SETBACK!
YOU'LL NEVER GET THAT CHANCE, GIRL!


AMY IS OUR CAPTIVE, SIR! THE INFO IS SAFE!
HAH! LOOKS LIKE YOUR PLAN FAILED, SPIKEBALL!
NO ONE SAID IT WAS GONNA BE EASY, CONE-HEAD!
YOU'LL NEVER LEAVE MY OFFICE ALIVE, OUTLAWS! THE DOORWAY IS BLOCKED BY LETHAL LASERS!
GIMME A BREAK, DOC! YOU THINK I'D USE THE TRADITIONAL EXIT?
SKRRWIP!
C'MON JOHNNY!
SKRASHH!
THE VENTILATION SHAFT, SONIC? WHAT IF ROBOTNIK FOLLOWS US?
SOMEONE HIS SIZE? FAT CHANCE!
MEANWHILE, IN THE INFO CENTRE...
STOP STRUGGLING, OUTLAW! RESISTANCE IS USELESS!
I'VE HEARD THAT ONE BEFORE!
IF I CAN JUST REACH MY CROSSBOW...
HAH! MISSED!
I WASN'T AIMING AT YOU, TINHEAD!
CLICHINK!


I WAS AIMING AT THE DELETE BUTTON ON THE COMPUTER!
FWHAAM!
NOOO!
GOOD WORK, AMY! NEED A HAND?
I WOULDN'T SAY NO! GET STUCK IN, GUYS!
FWAP!
SKRAKK-
K-DANNG!
JOB DONE! NOW LET'S SPLIT!
SOON AFTER...
WELL, THE PLAN WORKED, BUT I'VE GOT A FEELING ROBOTNIK'S GOING TO BE MORE DETERMINED THAN EVER TO DESTROY US NOW!
TOO RIGHT, BUT AT LEAST WE GAVE OLD CONE-DOME ONE MAJOR HEADACHE!
NEXT ISSUE: SMOKEY AND THE BADNIK!

GRAPHIC ZONE

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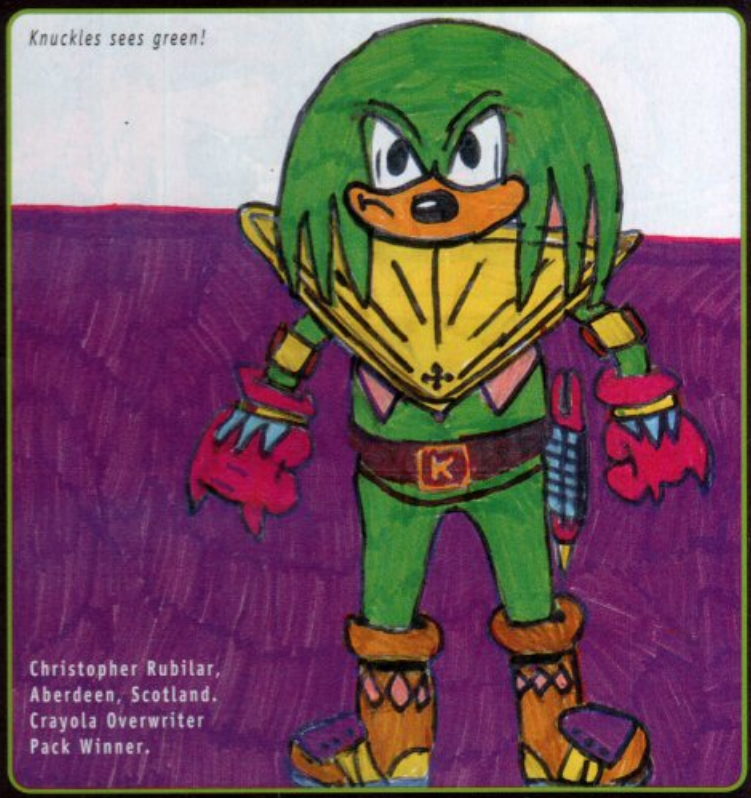

Knuckles sees green!

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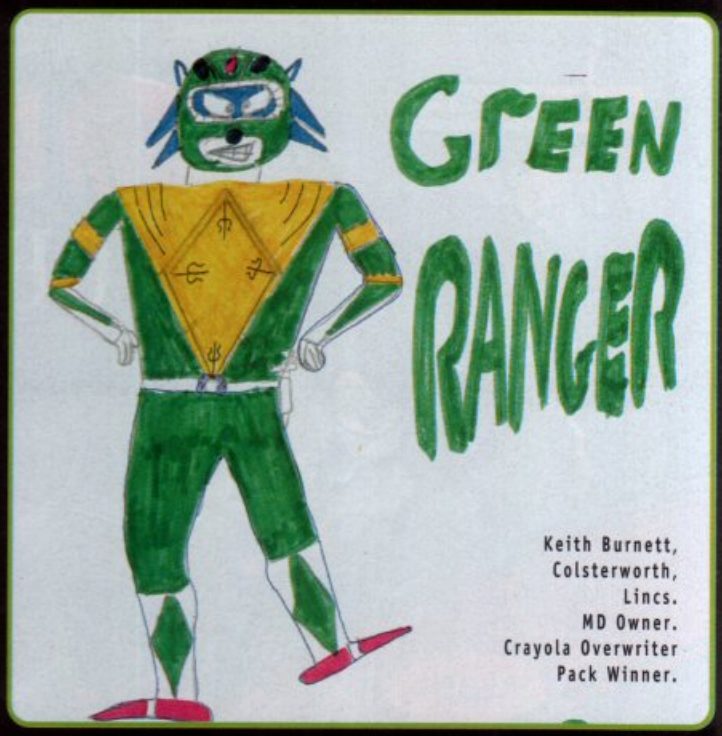

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THE INFAMOUS CAPTAIN PLUNDER AND HIS CREW...
KNUCKLES™
The GHOST SHIP
NEW STORY
Part 1
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Art: NIGEL DOBBYN
Lettering: ELITTA FELL
IT'S NO GOOD, CAP'N! WE'VE GOT TO TURN BACK!
STAY AT YOUR POST, YOU SCURVY SWAB!
WE'VE COME TOO FAR TO TURN TAIL AN' RUN!
CAP'N... LOOK!

AYE, FILCH... I SEE IT! THE GHOST SHIP OF TANTARAGOR!
BY CRIKEY, THE LEGENDS BE TRUE... IT REALLY DO EXIST!
KRRR-AAKK!
CAP'N, THE MAST!
WE'RE GOING DOWN!
LAND HO, CAP'N!
LAND? DON'T TALK RUBBISH, LAD, EE CAN'T SEE LAND FROM THIS HEIGHT!
WAIT...
I DON'T BELIEVE IT... THE FLOATING ISLAND!

ON THE SURFACE OF THE FLOATING ISLAND IS THE MUSHROOM HILL ZONE... THE CURRENT DWELLING PLACE FOR THE EMERALD HILL FOLK OF MOBIUS.
NO, SORRY, KNUCKLES, BUT I CAN'T HELP YOU...
THIS IS ANCIENT TECHNOLOGY... VERY COMPLICATED AND TOTALLY ALIEN TO ME.
TRUTH IS, I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND IT!
YOU WERE THE ONE I WAS SURE COULD HELP REPAIR MY EMERALD CHAMBER, PORKER!
RATS, I'LL NEVER GET ALL THE FLOATING ISLAND'S SYSTEMS BACK ON LINE!*
*AFTER A LITTLE ACCIDENT IN THE EMERALD CHAMBER, SEE LAST ISSUE - Megadroid.
I DON'T HAVE ANY DIAGRAMS FOR THIS ANCIENT EQUIPMENT... I USUALLY JUST GUESS!
IF ONLY I COULD REPAIR THE ISLAND'S FORCE FIELD... IF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK COMES LOOKING FOR THE EMERALD HILL FOLK...
TAKE IT EASY, KNUCKLES! ROBOTNIK HAS NO IDEA WE'RE HIDING OUT HERE!

I HAVE TO HAND IT TO YOU GUYS... YOU'VE BUILT QUITE A VILLAGE HERE.
KNUCKLES! A SHIP HAS LANDED ON THE FLOATING ISLAND... TO THE EAST OF THE VILLAGE!
ROBOTNIK? I'LL CHECK IT OUT!
PORKER... DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A LOOK?
ER, NO... MY DAYS AS AN ADVENTURER ARE OVER! ALL THAT STUFF WITH THE BROTHERHOOD OF METALLIX WAS TOO MUCH FOR ME!*
*SEE STC 68 - Megadroid.
OH, NO...

WELL, WELL, IF IT ISN'T KNUCKLES...
THIS BE GOOD FORTUNE INDEED, ME OLD MATE, 'CAUSE I BE NEEDING A LITTLE FAVOUR!
NEXT ISSUE: NEVER MAKE DEALS WITH A PIRATE!

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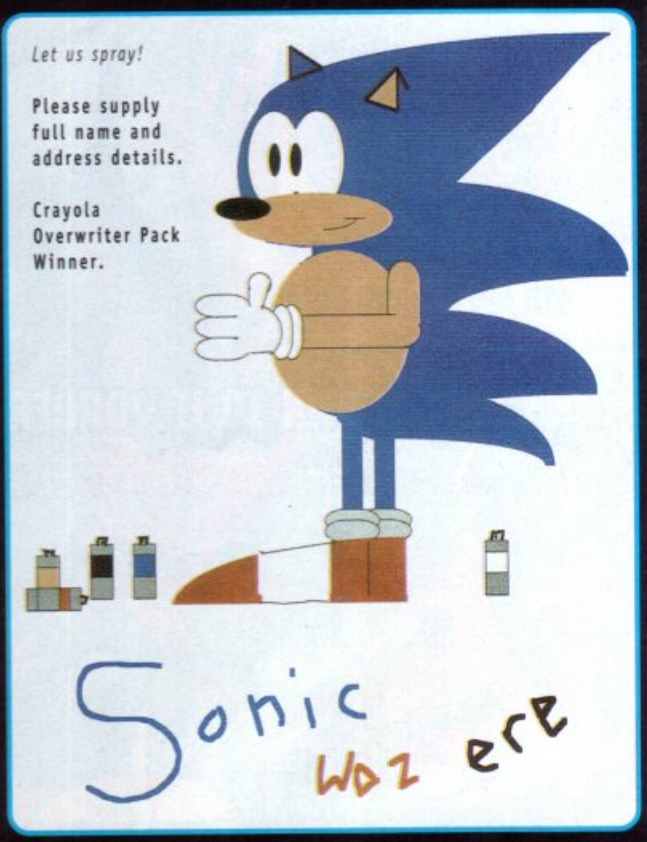

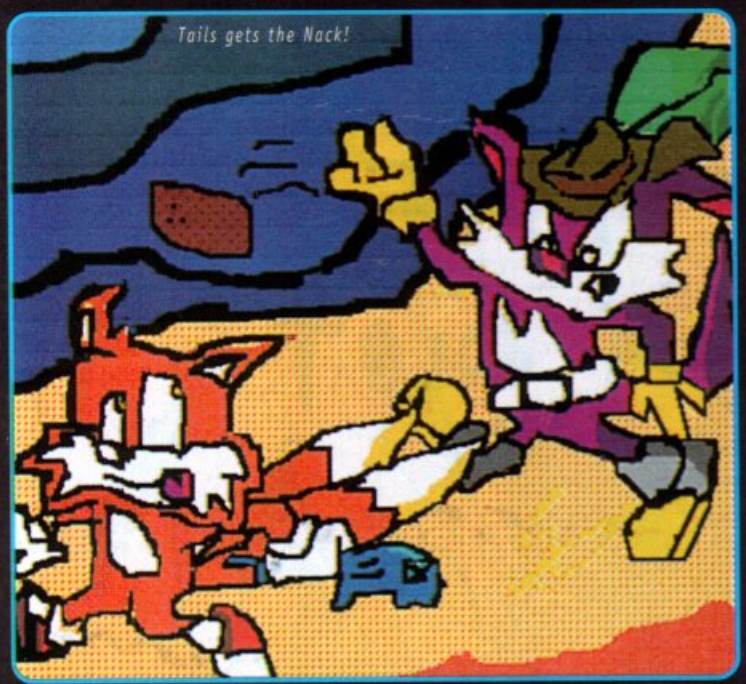

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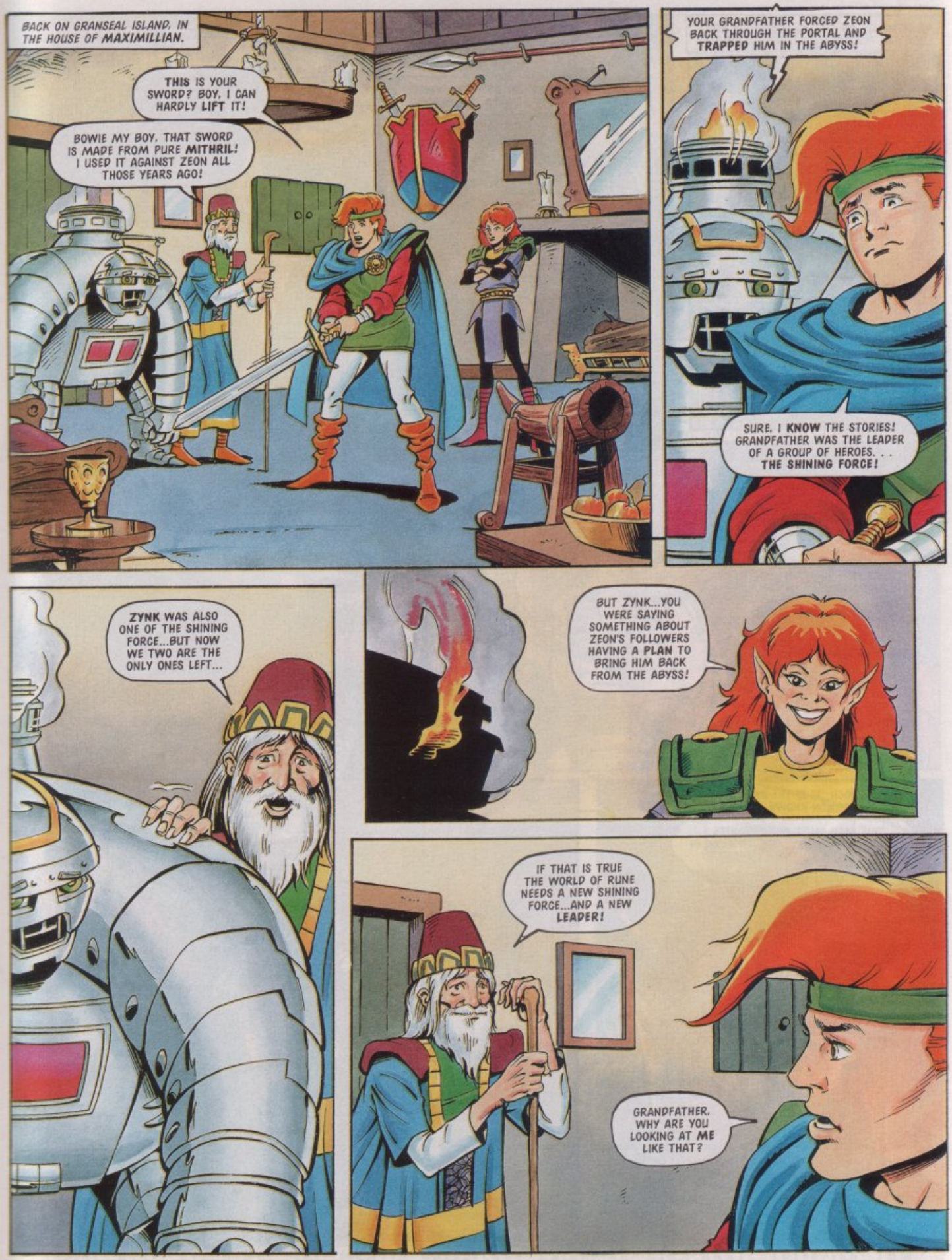
YEARS OF PEACE ON GRANSEAL ISLAND ARE ABOUT TO COME TO AN END.
SPEAK, PEASANT! WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE PILOT OF THIS FLYING-MACHINE?
TH...THE METAL MAN?
SHINING FORCE
THE CURSE OF ZEON
Part 2
YES... THE ROBOT KNOWN AS ZYNK!
SPEAK QUICKLY... WHILE YOU ARE STILL ABLE!
HE...HE WENT INTO THE TALL BUILDING...ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE TOWN SQUARE!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION, MY GOOD MAN.
THUD
AGHH!
HMMM...IT WOULD SEEM OUR QUARRY HAS RUN TO GROUND!

Script: NIGEL KITCHING Art: MARTIN GRIFFITHS Colouring: GINA HART Lettering: TOM

MEANWHILE, ON THE MAINLAND OF RUNE BENEATH THE ANCIENT TOWN OF RIBBLE...
NO! YOU CAN'T DO THAT... YOU HAVE NO RIGHT!
ON THE CONTRARY, TREVILLION, THIS DOCUMENT DEMANDS THAT YOU QUIT YOUR WORK ON THIS ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG AT ONCE!
AS YOU CAN SEE, IT IS SIGNED BY THE KING HIMSELF!
IT CAN'T BE! THE KING GAVE ME HIS PERMISSION TO DIG HERE PERSONALLY!
AND NOW HE IS WITHDRAWING IT!
THAT BROOCH...IT IS THE SYMBOL OF THE EVIL DEMON KNOWN AS ZEON!
THIS MAN MUST BE A ZEONITE... I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE THE KING CAN BE INVOLVED WITH THOSE LUNATICS!
OUT, ALL OF YOU!
YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THE LAST OF THIS!


BACK ON GRANSEAL ISLAND. IN THE HOUSE OF MAXIMILLIAN.
THIS IS YOUR SWORD? BOY, I CAN HARDLY LIFT IT!
BOWIE MY BOY. THAT SWORD IS MADE FROM PURE MITHRIL! I USED IT AGAINST ZEON ALL THOSE YEARS AGO!
YOUR GRANDFATHER FORCED ZEON BACK THROUGH THE PORTAL AND TRAPPED HIM IN THE ABYSS!
SURE, I KNOW THE STORIES! GRANDFATHER WAS THE LEADER OF A GROUP OF HEROES... THE SHINING FORCE!
ZYNK WAS ALSO ONE OF THE SHINING FORCE...BUT NOW WE TWO ARE THE ONLY ONES LEFT...
BUT ZYNK...YOU WERE SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT ZEON'S FOLLOWERS HAVING A PLAN TO BRING HIM BACK FROM THE ABYSS!
IF THAT IS TRUE THE WORLD OF RUNE NEEDS A NEW SHINING FORCE...AND A NEW LEADER!
GRANDFATHER, WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

YES. OF COURSE! BOWIE. THE GRANDSON OF THE ORIGINAL LEADER. WILL FORM A NEW SHINING FORCE!
TAYA... WILL YOU SHUT UP!
KRAASH!
I HOPE YOU WILL EXCUSE US BARGING IN THIS WAY.
BARON KADAVAAR! I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO FIND ME SO SOON!
OBVIOUSLY...
THIS ROBOT IS MY PROPERTY. GOOD PEOPLE. THEREFORE I WILL REMOVE IT!
GOLEM...
NO!
HANDS OFF, UGLY!
THUDD!
TAYA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

TOO LATE FOR TALK, BOY! USE THE SWORD!
USE THE SWORD HE SAYS...RIGHT, GREAT IDEA!
WAKK!
WHUFF!
THOKK!
AAAAH!
WAIT. ONE MOMENT...
IT IS YOU, ISN'T IT? YOU'RE MAX, THE VERY ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR ZEON'S CURRENT IMPRISONMENT!
YOU KNOW, ZEON WOULD NEVER FORGIVE ME IF I LET YOU LIVE...
NEXT ISSUE: THE END OF MAX?

Q ZONE

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Q IS FOR QUERY.

Q IS FOR QUANDARY.

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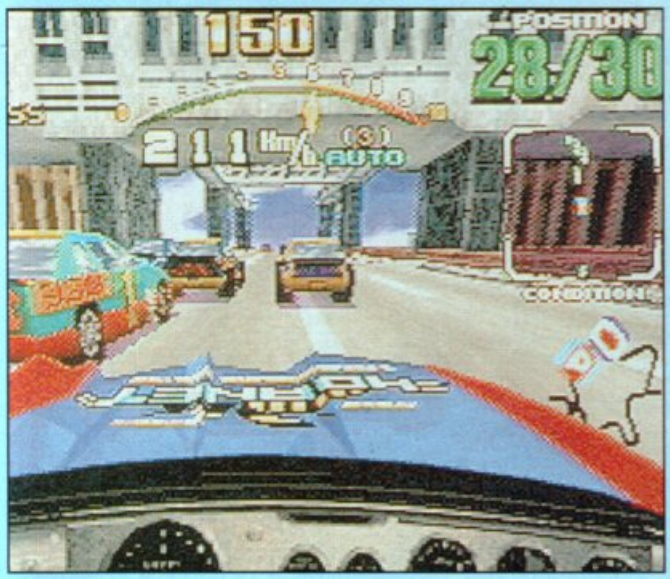
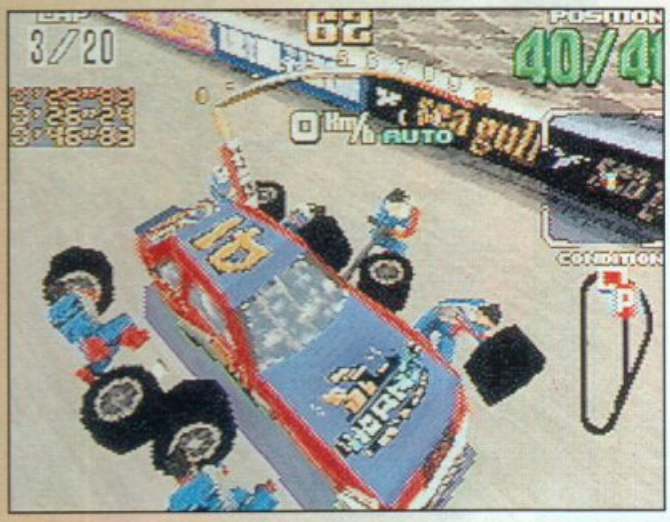
SATURN SPECIAL

Chris Jones at *STC*'s Q Zone has come up with some handy hints for Saturn system users since the launch last year.



DAYTONA USA

Hurtling around Daytona race track is a must for speed demons. This ace new Saturn racing game has been cranking up the revs ever since its release. Here are just a few ways for you to burn rubber and tinker with the games settings!



TOP TIPS

1. The number one tip for racing is to remember to **Slipstream**. This means when you want to overtake a car, drop in right behind it and you'll instantly start picking up speed because the car in front is soaking up all the wind resistance.

   Slipstreaming will allow you to bust your cars top speed and zoom off past an opponent.

2. Learn to drive into a **Skid**. This allows you to remain in control of the car and not waste vital seconds.

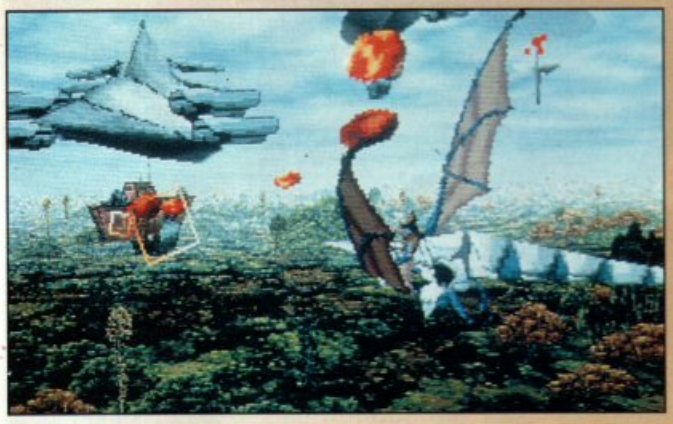
3. Get more **Horsepower** from the game by holding **UP-LEFT** on the D-pad, along with **A**, **B**, **X**, **Z** and **START**. This will give you access to all the cars (obtained through winning races) and a

metallic painted **Horse** that you can drive around the track. Nay kidding!

4. When you are in the pits, press **A**, **B**, **C**, and **START**, at the exact moment the pit crew remove your tyres. Once the race is over, watch the demo and you'll see that the crew have forgotten to put the wheels back on your vehicle - it's now a hover-car!

5. Finally, play **Chicken** by racing the wrong way down the track. Do this by holding down **START** on the track select screen which will activate the mirror mode. Funnily enough, your race times will still be logged if you survive.

PANZER DRAGOON



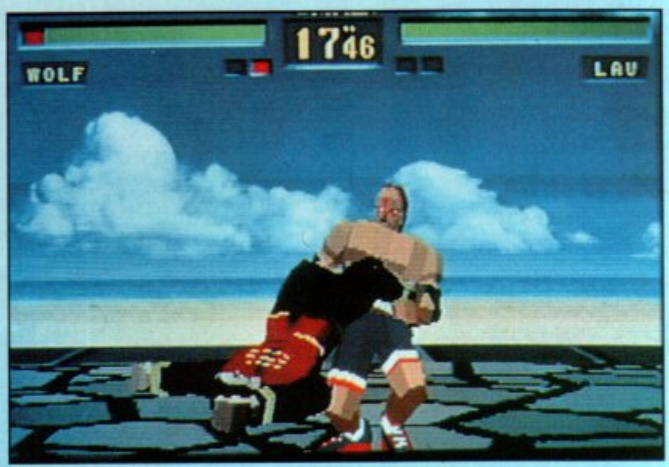
If, when playing this 3-D dragon riding game you suddenly think "More Speed, More Speed", then a 'wizard mode' is available to make this game super fast. Go to the title screen and enter **L**, **R**, **L**, **R**, **Up**, **Down**, **Up**, **Down**, **Left** and **Right**.

For a special 'Space Harrier' mode go to the Saturn system options screen, change the language to German (Deutsch) and then at the title screen enter **Up**, **X**, **Right**, **X**, **Down**, **X**, **Left**, **X**, **Up**, **Y** and **Z**.

Finally, for a special edge in this game activate the 'barrel roll' mode. Go to the title screen and enter **Up**, **Right**, **Down**, **Left**, **Up**, **Right**, **Down**, **Left** and **Up**. Barrel rolls are then available at any time by locking on and repeatedly pressing **Right**.

VIRTUA FIGHTER

If you are a mean fighting machine, then this **Stage Select** cheat is sure to make you punch drunk! For a Stage Select and the ability to alter the ring size, simply press **Up** on the title screen 12 times and then access the options screen. Go down to "exit" and press **Down** a few times to find a new options screen.



NEXT ISSUE: A SWIMMINGLY GOOD **ECCO THE DOLPHIN** SPECIAL!

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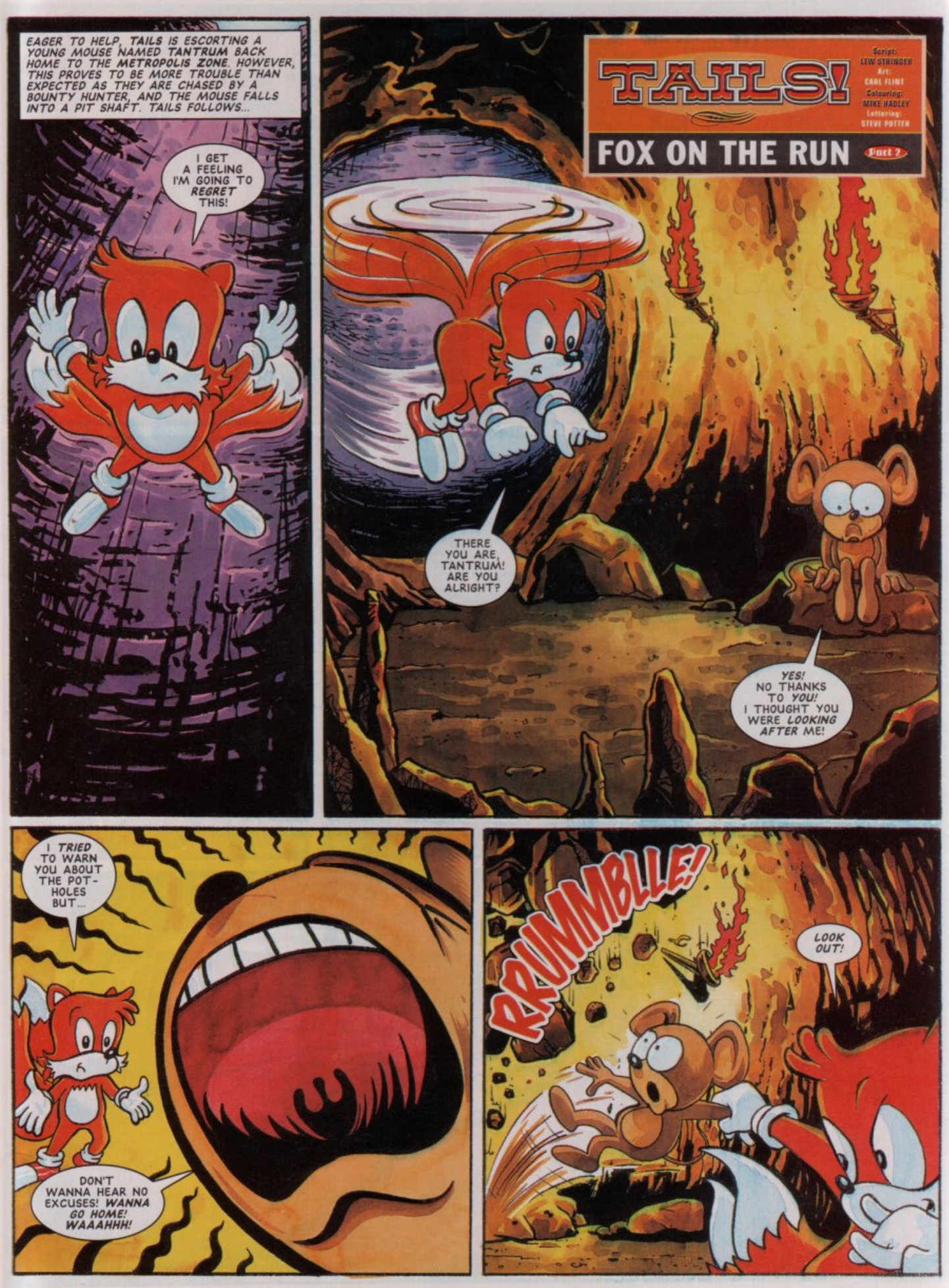
EAGER TO HELP, TAILS IS ESCORTING A YOUNG MOUSE NAMED TANTRUM BACK HOME TO THE METROPOLIS ZONE. HOWEVER, THIS PROVES TO BE MORE TROUBLE THAN EXPECTED AS THEY ARE CHASED BY A BOUNTY HUNTER, AND THE MOUSE FALLS INTO A PIT SHAFT. TAILS FOLLOWS...
I GET A FEELING I'M GOING TO REGRET THIS!
TAILS!
Script: LEW STRINGER
Art: CARL FLINT
Colouring: MIKE HADLEY
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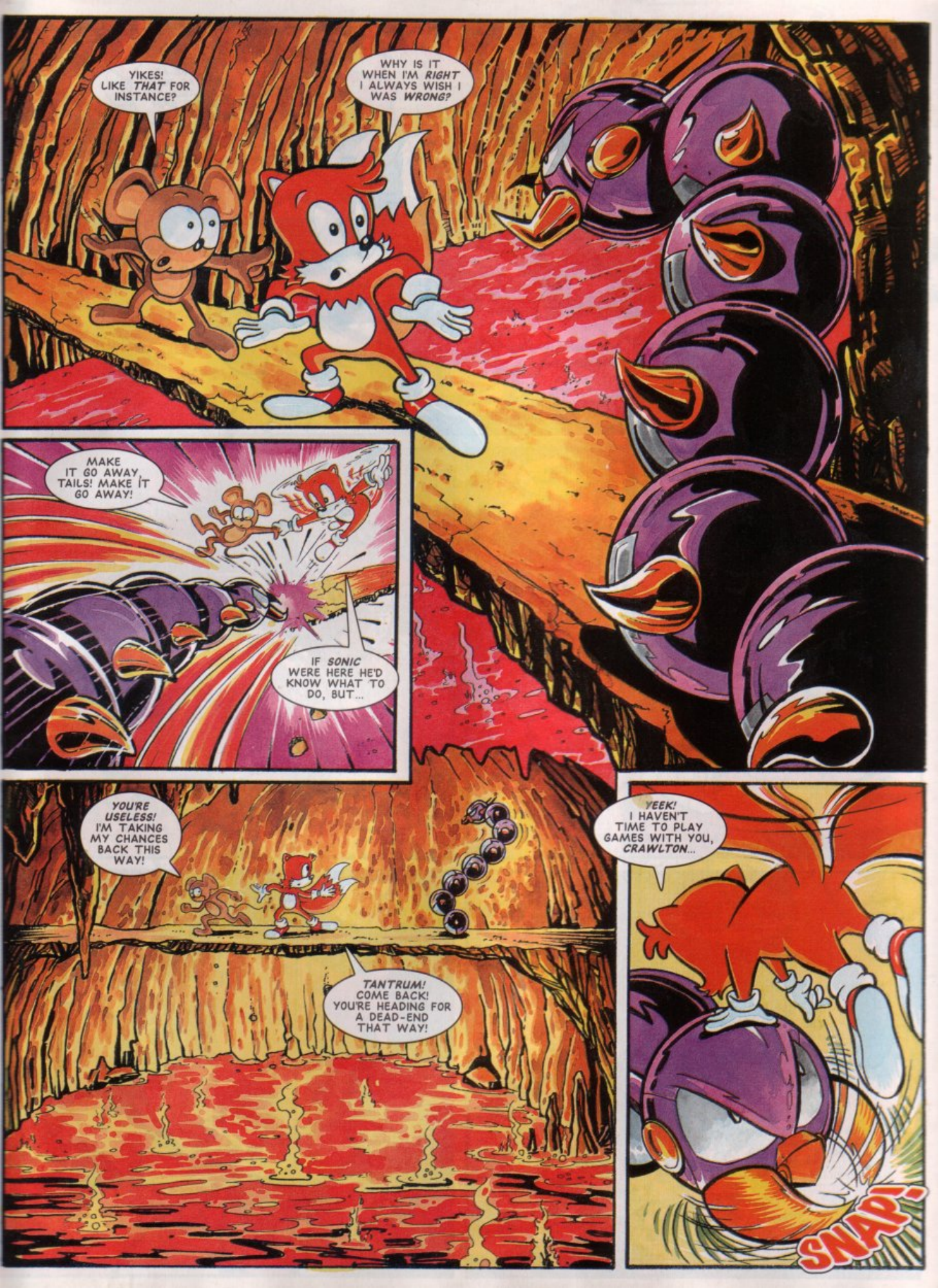
FOX ON THE RUN
Part 2
THERE YOU ARE, TANTRUM! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YES! NO THANKS TO YOU! I THOUGHT YOU WERE LOOKING AFTER ME!
I TRIED TO WARN YOU ABOUT THE POT-HOLES BUT...
DON'T WANNA HEAR NO EXCUSES! WANNA GO HOME! WAAAHHH!
RRUMMBLLE!
LOOK OUT!

NOW LOOK WHAT YOU DID! WE'RE TRAPPED DOWN HERE!
WHAT I DID? IT WAS YOUR WAILING THAT CAUSED THE CAVE IN! OH, WHAT'S THE USE?
LET'S FIND A WAY OUT! AT LEAST WE'RE SAFE FROM THAT BOUNTY HUNTER WHILE WE'RE DOWN HERE!
BUT ABOVE GROUND, FLEABYTE THE BOUNTY HUNTER ISN'T GIVING UP THAT EASILY...
IF THEM VARMINTS THINK FER ONE MINUTE THEY KIN GET AWAY FROM ME, THEY KIN THINK AGAIN!
THERE'S A REE-WARD ON THAT FOX'S HEAD AN' AHM GONNA TRACK HIM DOWN WITH THIS HERE INFRA-RED HEAT SCANNER DEE-VICE! HYUK, HYUK!
click ...WOULD YOU SWAP YOUR WASHING POWDER FOR A PACKET OF NEW, IMPROVED DAZZLE?
DUHH.... DARN! PRESSED THE WRONG BUTTON!
BACK DOWN BELOW...
THIS IS THE SORT OF PLACE YOU'D FIND BADNIKS LURKING AROUND IN!
ULP!


YIKES! LIKE *THAT* FOR INSTANCE?
WHY IS IT WHEN I'M *RIGHT* I ALWAYS WISH I WAS *WRONG*?
MAKE IT GO AWAY, TAILS! MAKE IT GO AWAY!
IF *SONIC* WERE HERE HE'D KNOW WHAT TO DO, BUT...
YOU'RE USELESS! I'M TAKING MY CHANCES BACK THIS WAY!
TANTRUM! COME BACK! YOU'RE HEADING FOR A DEAD-END THAT WAY!
YEEK! I HAVEN'T TIME TO PLAY GAMES WITH YOU, *CRAWLTON*...
SNAP!

I MAY NOT BE AS COOL AS SONIC ...OR ABLE TO *SUPER SPIN ATTACK*...
GRRRRR!
BUT I CAN DEAL WITH YOU MY OWN WAY!
GRRR-- *UHH?*
GUESS YOU'RE TOO *TIED UP* TO BOTHER ME NOW, EH?
UUAAHHHH.
GULP! TOO LATE TO WISH YOU HAPPY LANDINGS!
FRAZZLE!
TAILS! HEEELLP!
DON'T TELL ME THAT MOUSE IS IN TROUBLE *AGAIN!*

THE BRIDGE COLLAPSED! SAVE ME, TAILS!
YOU'RE ASKING ME FOR HELP? DIDN'T YOU JUST CALL ME USELESS?
WAAAHHH!
OKAY! OKAY!
HURRY, FLY US TO SAFETY! I DON'T LIKE HEIGHTS!
GASP! STOP STRUGGLING! I'M GETTING TIRED! I... I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN FLY FOR... MUCH LONGER...
IT'S NO GOOD... HEAT MAKING ME DIZZY... YIIIKEE!
I WAS RIGHT! YOU ARE USELESS!
NEXT ISSUE: TIME FOR A HOT BATH?

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STC AWOL!

Dear Megadroid,

Why doesn't everybody at *STC* take a long well deserved holiday for all the great work done on the comic?

Rebecca Anderson, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland.
MD owner.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

'Rebecca', aye? Well, you don't fool me - I suspect this is a plant by the humes-who-think-they're-in-charge?

Michael Freer, Fitzwilliam, W Yorks.
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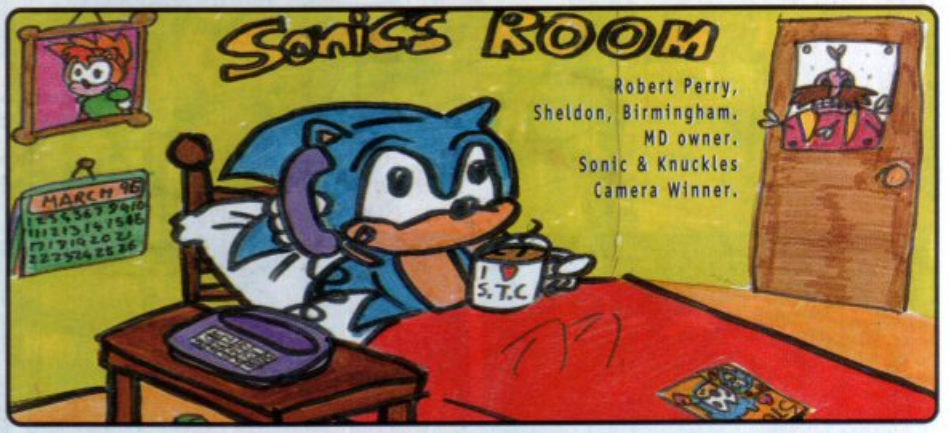

Robert Perry, Sheldon, Birmingham.
MD owner.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

SHAW THING!

Dear Megadroid,

Now that Spring is in the air, I think it's about time you got yourself a girlfriend to join you at *STC*. What do you think?

Matthew Shaw, Wellesbourne, Warwickshire.
MCD & MD owner.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

Perhaps, Matthew, eligible droids should write to Droid Dating Agency c/o STC! Only Mk II and later models need apply!

GET THE NACK!

Dear Megadroid,

I'm concerned about Nack the Weasel because the last time he appeared in *STC* issue 58, he was shot by a Metallix. Can you tell me how he is?

Martin Hemingway, Batley, W Yorks.
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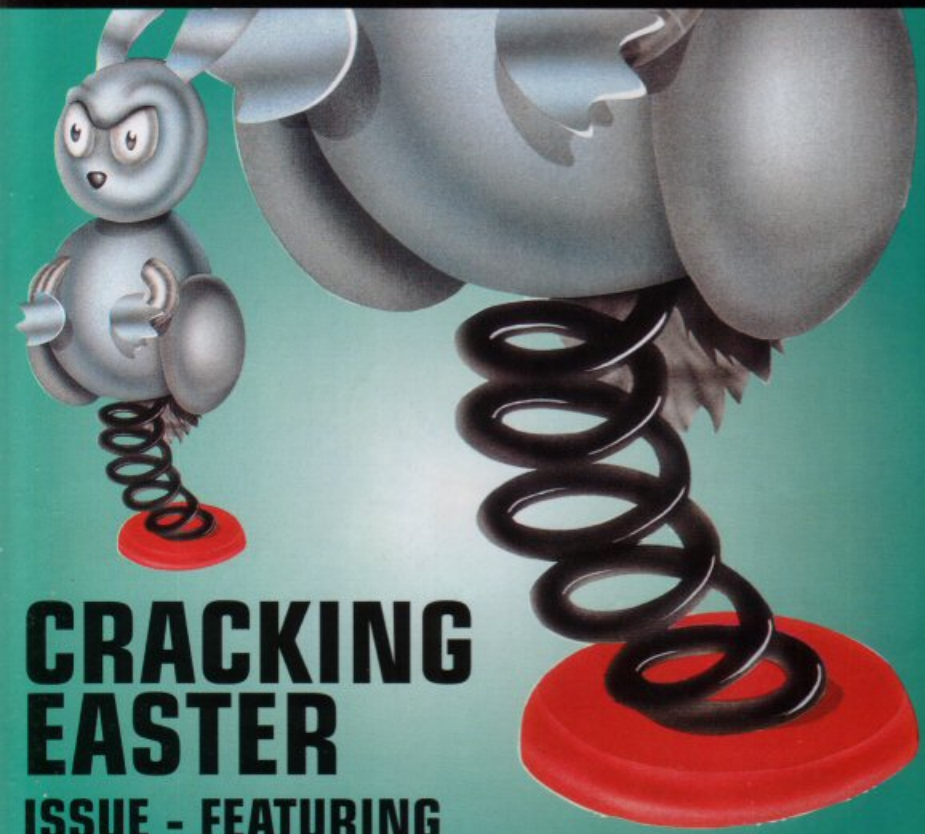

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